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SUBJECT: LOS ANGLES COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION AUDIT REPORT FOR

2002

In 1987, the County entered into a Ground Lease and Operating Agreement with the Los Angeles County Fair Association (Association) for the Association to use and develop the County Fairgrounds. The Agreement requires the Association to pay rent to the County based on its gross revenues from the use of the Fairgrounds. We contracted with Conrad and Associates (Conrad), LLP to audit the rent paid to the County by the Association for the year ended December 31, 2002.

Overall, Conrad found that the Association had properly computed and paid its rent to the County. Conrad also evaluated the status of prior year auditor's recommendations and noted that the Association needs to improve its controls over its cash receipt books. We will be working with the Association to ensure they address these recommendations.

Please call if you have any questions. Your staff may also contact DeWitt Roberts at (626) 293-1103 if they have any questions or if you would like a copy of Conrad's report.

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